

## Chapter 1

# Superpowers

"If you could have a superpower, what would it be?"

Dressed up in a brightly-coloured costume with a blue cape, Miss Higgins was posing the question to both her class and Mr Jay's as both groups of children crowded into one hot classroom together at the end of another lesson working on their 'superheroes' topic. It was a topic that had sparked great enthusiasm so far, from children and teachers alike. Mr Jay was sporting a navy cape over a teal all-in-one suit with a gadget belt, a mask and long yellow boots.

"I would definitely choose to fly!" suggested someone.

"I want to freeze time!" said another.

"I'd be invisible so I could spy on people or scare them!" laughed Benji.

"Interesting ideas," Mr Jay smiled. "Although I'm not sure that's such a kind choice, Benji. Perhaps you might think of what good your powers could be used for instead of spying and scaring people."

Benji still thought being invisible would be a rather

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funny power to have. Carefully and quietly, he reached his hand around the back of Freya and tapped her left shoulder. Instinctively, her head snapped to the left, and when she found no one there she looked back to her right to see Benji giggling.

"If I were invisible, I could do that all day and you'd have no idea who it was, even if I was standing right in front of you," he whispered.

"You can be so annoying sometimes! I'd know it was you even if I couldn't see you!" Freya retorted with a half-smile.

She was right. Benji had a mischievous streak that occasionally bordered on irritating, but the pair were good friends and always knew how to make each other laugh. They had been friends since they were toddlers, as they had always lived on the same street, often having adventures that were mainly concocted by Benji. Now, they hung around together at school even though they were in separate classes. Luckily, the two classes often paired up for topic lessons, and Benji liked to use this time to act daft with his friend.

# Let's Explore **Rex Retriever** Questions Together

Read the extract from Our Teachers Are Superheroes and answer the questions as a class.

List the names of the **two** class teachers mentioned in this extract.

What reason did Benji give for wanting to be invisible?

Decide whether the following statements are **true** or **false**:

- Benji tapped Mr Jay on the shoulder.
- Freya found Benji annoying.
- Miss Higgins wore a gadget belt.
- Benji and Freya were brother and sister.

What colour are the boots mentioned on the first page? Tick **one**.

navy blue

orange

yellow

teal